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DEPT PASS USCUSTOMS FOR FLETCHER I. POTTER, JR. DIRECTOR,
INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, FROM JAMES B. CLAWSON, CCC

GENEVA FOR NEWKIRK

E.O. N/A
TAGS: ETRD, CCC-3
SUBJECT: VALUATION COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY

REF: CUSTOMS 0033 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, SECRETARIAT IS PREPARING PAPER
FOR WORKING PARTY. I WILL OBTAIN AND FORWARD AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

2. SITUATION HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN EC AND CCC ON SUBJECT THAT
YOU, STR, STATE, LAMAR, AND TREASURY TRADE POLICY STAFF SHOULD
KNOW ABOUT AND PASS REACTION TO ME. PLEASE ADVISE EARLIEST
SINCE I AM BEING ASKED TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

3. SITUATION: HENRY CHUMAS OF EC CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION AND HIS
STAFF COMPLETED DRAFT VALUATION ACCORDING TO E. BOSCH, DIRECTOR
OF THE CCC VALUATION CONVENTION DIVISION, CHUMAS THEN
ATTEMPTED TO SLIP IT THROUGH EC CUSTOMS AND TRADE POLICY
COMMITTEES. BOSCH GOT WIND AND BLOCKED EFFORT AND SUBSEQUENTLY
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WROTE LETTER TO PINGEL (CHUMAS' BOSS) AND TO ALL NINE MEMBER
COUNTRIES' CUSTOMS DIRECTORS. THIS CREATED MAJOR PROBLEM,
I AM TOLD. CHUMAS HAS WRITTEN TO ME SAYING HE GAVE COPY OF
DRAFT CONVENTION TO BOSCH INFORMALLY FOR HIS REACTION AND THAT
BOSCH, CONTRARY TO THEIR AGREEMENT, WENT OVER HIS HEAD TO
STOP THE CHUMAS EFFORT. CHUMAS WANTS ME TO HELP STOP BOSCH
FROM CAUSING TROUBLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

4. I DO NOT KNOW WHICH STORY IS CORRECT. MY ASSESSMENT IS THAT BOSCH HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IN THWARTING THE CHUMAS DRIVE FOR A NEW CONVENTION. BOSCH MAINTAINS THAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITHIN THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND POINTS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING PARTY AS AN EXAMPLE. I WOULD RATHER NOT GET INVOLVED IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN INTERNAL PROBLEM OF THE COMMUNITY BUT WOULD DO SO IF US THOUGHT APPROPRIATE.

5. OTHER MATTERS:

A. DOCUMENTATION - I WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ADVISED OF US ACTIVITY IN ECE THROUGH THE DOT FACILITATION COMMITTEE AND GATT THROUGH THE STR SUBGROUP ON NTM. IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE COPIES OF OUR POSITION PAPERS. THESE COULD BE SENT CLASSIFIED TO THE EMBASSY AND COULD BE KEPT THERE.

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE - WHAT RESULT IS US SEEKING IN UPCOMING MEETING? WHAT INFORMATION DO YOU NEED FOR THE MEETING? IS DICKERSON TO ATTEND?

C. TAXING OF US OFFICIALS - TOMLINSON ASKED ME WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO CORRECT THE DISCRIMINATION CAUSED BY US TAXING INCOME OF ITS NATIONALS. DISCRIMINATION RANGES BETWEEN 15 PERCENT AND 30 PERCENT DISPARITY OF INCOME FOR OFFICIALS IN SOME GRADES. NEW TAX LAW HAS CREATED THIS DISPARITY. AS MORE US OFFICIALS JOIN STAFF, PROBLEM BECOMES MORE APPARENT AND ADJUSTMENT SHOULD BE MADE SIMILAR TO UN AND IMF.
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WOULD US BE WILLING TO REIMBURSE COUNCIL IF IT UNDERTOOK TO EQUALIZE PAY? FIRESTONE

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